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Serial No.: 09/403,429 Group Art Unit: 1615
Filed: OCTOBER 20, 1999 Docket No.: 20039.0010USWO
Title: RAPIDLY DISINTEGRABLE SOLID PREPARATION

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 20, 21, 23-26, 28, 29, 31, and 32 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed June 23, 2006.

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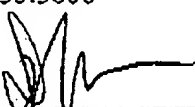
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